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SUNDAY, Jan. 2nd ONE DAY — DOROTHY LAMOUR, ROBERT PRESTON in MOON OVER BURMA (A); Preston Foster in WESTLAND CASE
MONDAY Jan. 3rd THREE DAYS — DAVID NIVEN, OLIVIA de HAVILLAND in RAFFLES. Showing at 3.24, 5.59, 8.34 (A)
WALT DISNEY'S TECHNICOLOR FEATURE
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THURSDAY Jan. 6th THREE DAYS — BRIAN AHERNE, ROBERT CUMMINGS, IDA LUPINO, CHARLES LAUGHTON, HERBERT MARSHALL AND MANY OTHERS in FOREVER AND A DAY. Showing at 2.16, 5.09, 8.02 (U)
Noah Beery in PRAIRIE CHICKENS. Showing at 4.06, 6.59 (A)

ODEON FILM PARADE NO. 3

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS.—The manager and staff of the Odeon, Ramsgate, extend the Best of Wishes to their many patrons in Thanet, and the manager assures them of a continuation of Odeon service during 1944. As the list of coming features indicates, the year will be a memorable one for good pictures and at the Odeon we will add comfort and courtesy to perfect your entertainment.

HALF-TICKETS.—Patrons are reminded that it is absolutely essential to retain their half-tickets during the entire show, otherwise, in the event of the house being cleared at any time, those unable to present the correct half-ticket may be refused re-admission.

FILM HIGH-LIGHTS.—First we must mention "STAGE DOOR CANTEEN" with which starts the numerous to mention. Others you must not miss . . "SAN FRANCISCO" (CLARK GABLE, JEANETTE MacDONALD, SPENCER TRACY); "HOLY MATRIMONY" (GRACIE FIELDS, MONTY WOOLLEY); "HEAVEN CAN WAIT" (DON AMECHE, GENE TIERNEY—TECHNICOLOR); "BACHELOR MOTHER" (DAVID NIVEN, GINGER ROGERS); "DEMI-PARADISE" (LAURENCE OLIVIER).

SUNDAY PROGRAMMES.—Our favourites to be revived on Sundays in January are : "MOON OVER BURMA" (DOROTHY LAMOUR), "LADY IS WILLING" (MARLENE DIETRICH, FRED MacMURRAY), "REACHING FOR THE SUN" (JOEL McCREA and ELLEN DREW).

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Sunday Jan. 9th 1 day	LADY IS WILLING	A	Marlene Dietrich Fred MacMurray
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Monday Jan. 10th 3 days	SAN FRANCISCO	A	Clark Gable, Jeanette MacDonald, Spencer Tracy
	Talk About Jacqueline	A	Hinch Williams Carla Lehmann
Thursday Jan. 13th 2 days	STAGE DOOR CANTEEN	U	48 Great Stars 6 Famous Bands
	Full Supporting Programme		
Sunday Jan. 16th 1 day	REACHING FOR THE SUN	A	Joel McCrea, Ellen Drew
	Hot Pearls	U	Florence Rice
Monday Jan. 17th 3 days	BOMBARDIER	A	Pat O'Brien, Randolph Scott, Anne Shirley
	DOCTOR TAKES A WIFE	A	Ray Milland, Loretta Young
Thursday Jan. 20th 2 days	SOMEWHERE IN CIVVIES	U	Frank Randle, Suzette Tarr
	Frank Buck's JACARE	U	
Sunday Jan. 23rd 1 day	KING OF THE TURF	U	Adolphe Menjou Dolores Costello
	Alias Boston Blackie	A	Chester Morris
Monday Jan. 24th 5 days	HOLY MATRIMONY	U	Monty Woolley Gracie Fields
	Petticoat Larceny	U	Joan Carroll, Ruth Warwick
Thursday Jan. 27th 3 days	HEAVEN CAN WAIT Technicolor	A	Don Ameche, Gene Tierney
	Strange to Relate	U	Wally Patch
Sunday Jan. 30th 1 day	DUKE OF WEST POINT	U	Louis Hayward Joan Fontaine
	Yellow Cargo	U	Conrad Nagel
Monday Jan. 31st 3 days	BACHELOR MOTHER	A	Ginger Rogers, David Niven
	He Hired the Boss	U	Stuart Erwin Evelyn Venable

POTTED REVIEWS

STAGE DOOR CANTEEN.—A film unlike any yet produced, its wealth of entertainment is rich in song, dance, and pathos, and its scenes take place in the famous "Stage Door Canteen" where every night famous Hollywood stars entertain guests from the services. You will see Gracie Fields, Dick Powell, Hugh Herbert, Jean Hersholt and many more, including six famous bands.

SAN FRANCISCO.—One of the very famous pictures made in pre-war days with Jeanette MacDonald, Clark Gable, and Spencer Tracy in a drama that culminates in the great San Francisco earthquake. A film thousands will want to see again, and now is your chance.

BOMBARDIER.—A war film and an excellent one, in which Pat O'Brien and Randolph Scott set out to prove who is the most important man in the bomber, the man who flies it or the man who drops the bombs. Good, exciting entertainment.

SOMEWHERE IN CIVVIES.—Frank Randle, the king of slap-stick comedy, is back again, this time making a general fool of himself on his discharge from the Army. There are a million fame to light in the course of enquiries concerning the food charges. The excuse was offered that the goods were given him by the former owner, but it was stated that Sanders was told to salvage anything worth while and to put on the scrap heap anything beyond repair. He was not given permission to take anything away.

Sanders also admitted a further charge of stealing Government clothing, value 11s. 4d.

Imposing sentences of six months for the food receiving cases and two months and two months for the theft (all concurrent), the Mayor told Sanders that he had betrayed the trust reposed in him by his position.

Richards and Cawood each went to prison for three months and Birch was fined £50, with three guineas costs, and Kemble £5.

LOOTING CHARGES

Charges of looting were preferred against two soldiers at Ramsgate police court on Thursday.

L/Bdr. Cyril James Pennington, aged 31, was charged with looting at 1 Granville-gardens, Ramsgate, by stealing two hand towels, two pillow slips and one sheet, the property of Low John Smith, between 24th and 28th December.

L/Bdr. Arthur Aubrey Pettyfer, aged 25, was charged with looting from the same premises a quantity of jewellery.

Applying for a remand in custody until to-day, C/I R. Hicks said further people would be brought before the court.

The application was granted.

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TRUST BETRAYED

RAMSGATE MAN SENT TO PRISON

RECEIVED MILITARY STORES

The theft of foodstuffs from an Army cookhouse, their sale to a Government employee, and a Ramsgate man who worked in conjunction with a fellow employee, and the re-sale of part of the food to a Canterbury baker, provided a complicated series of charges at Canterbury police court.

Sgt William J. Richards and Pte. James P. Kemble, of the Army Catering Corps, pleaded guilty to stealing and selling the goods to Henry Joseph Sanders, 36, of Stanmore, Nethercourt-gardens, Ramsgate, who, with Cecil Cawood, 50, of The Street, Ickham, pleaded guilty to receiving, well knowing them to have been stolen, a large quantity of foodstuffs.

Sanders was sent to prison for six months.

Henry T. Birch, of Broad-street, Canterbury, represented by Mr. C. C. Gardner, pleaded not guilty to receiving from Sanders a part of the goods.

Mr. T. T. Cropper, prosecuting, related how D/C. Soutan first saw Richards and Kemble, who admitted the offences, and then led to an interview with Cawood, who, upon being questioned, replied "I helped to unload when Sanders came with it and I was put in my store. I think I paid Sanders 18s. and Sanders gave me £2 when he had disposed of what was left."

"I've Been a Fool."

The officer next saw Sanders, who stated "Yes, I've been a fool. I did have some stuff from ——." He recovered from defendant a tin of margarine, which he said was all he had left.

In a written statement produced, Sanders told how, about the end of August, 1943, he obtained a quantity of foodstuff from the military, for which he paid £3. He brought the stuff to Canterbury and a few days later went to Birch and said if he wanted to buy some flour and sardines which he told him he got from the military. Later he and Birch spent more goods and in all he had about £5 from him.

Mr. Cropper said there was other evidence available that Sanders had approached a Dr. Rees and asked if he could do with 7lbs. of cheese, but his suspicions were aroused and he refused. Sanders then asked if he could do with a flitch or side of bacon and he again refused. It showed, said Mr. Cropper, that Sanders was trying to make money by selling goods to other people.

Cawood told the bench that he acted in conjunction with Sanders and shared the proceeds.

Sanders had nothing further to add, except that the reference to the flitch was a joke as there was no bacon about at that time. He had no excuse to offer.

Sanders was called as a witness against Birch and, having related how he sold the goods to him, was crossexamined at length by Mr. Gardner to whom he stated that he went to a military site in connection with his work and was told that it was going to be moved out and that the food was not wanted. He was offered it, paid for it and was told he could get rid of it as he liked. He reiterated that he told Birch that the food had come from the military and he denied that he had only 23s. from him.

Other Offences.

Sanders also pleaded guilty to charges of stealing during February a sectional boiler, value £10, and between 13th October, 1942, and 9th December, 1943, nine sheets of corrugated iron, value £2 12s. 6d., the property of the W.D. These cases came to light in the course of enquiries concerning the food charges. The excuse was offered that the goods were given him by the former owner, but it was stated that Sanders was told to salvage anything worth while and to put on the scrap heap anything beyond repair. He was not given permission to take anything away.

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NEW VICAR'S MESSAGE

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

The newly-appointed Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. Laurence C. Sargent) contributes his first message to the people of the parish in the current issue of St. Peter's War-Time News Sheet.

Mr. Sargent writes:

"Mr. Meredith has kindly offered me the opportunity of sending an early message to so many old friends and to many others whose friendship I look forward to sharing in the year now opening. I take the opportunity from a full heart, having had in mind all through these war years how grievously Thanet has suffered.

"First to you to whom, as to my wife and myself, have come the deepest sorrows, we offer that sympathy which comes from the sharing of sorrow or joy. May the Giver of all strength and love strengthen you abundantly in the memory of those dear ones, and the knowledge that they have outsoared the shadow of our night. And may the same divine strength be given to all in anxiety, to inspire for the work that remains to be done.

"What a debt of gratitude is owed to Mr. Meredith is known to all within, and to many outside, St. Peter's—and known best of all to those who have so devotedly helped him in his great work. May he be given all encouragement and continued health in that new sphere of activity for which he is so magnificently fitted.

"It is rather more than 50 years since my father was recalled to his native county of Kent by Archbishop Frederick Temple, the father of our present Archbishop, who early in his ministry served the people of St. Peter's and who now is bringing me home again, from a parish dearly loved, that I may have the opportunity of serving you. Pray that I may do it with single heart."

The date of Mr. Sargent's induction has provisionally been fixed for 5th February.

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POLICE OFFICER WOUNDED

ALLEGED ATTACK BY SOLDIERS

An alleged attack on a police officer who, it was stated, was temporarily blinded by blood from a wound on the head, was described at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Gnrs. Richard Pullin, aged 29, Hugo Royer, aged 25, and George Rayns, aged 33, were charged with unlawfully wounding W/R Frederick Angell, with intent to prevent the lawful apprehension of Pullin.

Mr. T. Cropper, prosecuting, said that about 11.15 p.m. on 22nd December W/R Angell disturbed two soldiers in a shelter on the cliff-top. He found them to be in the act of breaking into a lock-up shop in King-street, Margate, occupied by Mr. S. Bicknell, a tailor. He arrested one of the men and was taking him to the police station when he was struck from behind by an instrument, which resulted in him releasing the man, who made good his escape. The constable was quite seriously hurt and was temporarily blinded by the blood which was running down his face. He managed to get to the police station and was removed to hospital.

W/R Angell attended a parade of soldiers at a military billet in the town on 24th December and identified the voice of Royer as similar to that of a man who called him a vulgar name on the night he was attacked. D/I Cory, who was present at the parade, took Royer to the police station, and on Christmas Day he made a statement, which was substantially an admission that he was at the scene of the incident with two other men.

Pullin and Rayns were then brought to the police station and Pullin made a statement to the effect that he was the man whom the constable arrested and that on finding the constable had released his grip on him he ran away.

All three men were remanded until next Wednesday, bail being allowed.

ODEON STAFF PARTY

As usual the staff of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, made merry after the performance on Christmas Eve.

About 60 employees and friends danced in the entrance hall of the cinema and the introduction of several amusing party games by the manager, Mr. R. N. Paterson, contributed much to the jollity. Drums and piano formed a lively combination.

Mr. Paterson, assisted by Mrs. Dennis, also had a busy time managing the running buffet upstairs.

The party wound up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

ST. LUKE'S INDUCTION

The induction and institution of the Rev. J. Eric Blanchett as Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, will take place on 15th January at 3 p.m.

Mr. Blanchett, at present Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Chitts-hill, London, began his education at St. Lawrence College.

LET'S KEEP TOGETHER

THANET'S FUTURE

CAPT. BALFOUR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

The conviction that Thanet will once again be in the forefront of coastal towns if we keep together on the big things and do not let the little things divert us is expressed by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, in a New Year message to his constituents.

Capt. Balfour writes:

Through the kindness of the Editor I can send this New Year greeting to my constituents, whom I have the honour to represent and whether still in Thanet or in other parts of the country, or serving with our forces overseas.

I hope that 1944 is going to be a year of victory over the Germans, or, if not complete victory, not any rate I hope that it will see us a very long way towards that aim which is the common property of all of us. The German forces are still powerful and well-equipped, but I fear there is much strife to come before we can say that we have conquered. However, though we do not know when the end will be, we know that it is absolutely certain. Our bomber force is hitting deep into the heart of Germany, and it may be that those living within the Reich boundaries will see that there is no hope for them except to throw themselves on the mercy of the United Nations, who will then deal with them, though not in a spirit of revenge, at any rate, justly and very firmly.

Sympathy With Bereaved.

At this time of New Year, our thoughts of sympathy and affection go out to those many who have lost their near and dear ones, and though time can dim the sharp edge of sorrow, we feel we want to tell them how we know for all time that they have made a sacrifice no human being can give compensation for.

Our first and main task must still be to concentrate on the war effort, but at last we are able to look up from the immediate moment and peer into the future in order to judge the sort of reconstruction problems we have got to face nationally and locally. These are formidable and will not easily be solved. I believe that in the post-war reconstruction of Thanet we must have the same unity of purpose and selfless devotion to the tasks to be undertaken which has characterised our war effort. If we keep together for the big things, and do not let ourselves be diverted by little issues here and there, I feel sure we can achieve a reconstruction which will bring Thanet right up into the forefront of coastal towns, comparable in its visitor and facilities to those offered anywhere else in the United Kingdom.

I am in close touch with our local authorities on these and other problems, and one of the pleasures I find in the months when I am not having to concentrate upon my ministerial duties is the knowledge that I am still in constant communication with so many of my constituents here and elsewhere.

I send you all my very best wishes for 1944.

MISSING BUFFS

SAD NEWS FOR THANET FAMILIES

Sad news came to several Thanet families during the Christmas period when it was learnt that some members of The Buffs had been posted as missing in the Middle East since November.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart, of 11 Montefiore-cottages, Ramsgate, received information on Christmas Day that one of their sons, Pte. Harry Charles Pearce, had been reported missing.

Pte. Pearce, who is in an old boy of Hereson School and during peacetime was employed by Messrs. Kelsey, of Ramsgate, to the effect that he was Peter's, and Messrs. Shooter, of Ramsgate.

Both he and a brother, John, also of The Buffs, were Territorials and they fought in France, evacuating from Dunkirk. In the following November Harry went to Malta and was there for nearly three years before being home.

John, now in North Africa, lost two fingers in the first landings in those regions. There is another serving in the forces—L/Sgt. Arthur Pearce, of the Royal West Kents.

Another Ramsgate man also posted missing is Pte. Leonard Alfred Ovenden, of St. Luke's-avenue. He is the youngest son of Mrs. Ovenden, of Monkton-road, Minster, and the late Mr. W. Ovenden, formerly of Ramsgate.

Like Pte. Pearce, Pte. Ovenden, aged 23, was a peace-time Territorial. He served in the Middle East in Malta. After attending Christ Church School, Ramsgate, he was employed by a local butcher. One of his brothers, Ernest, was captured in France in 1940, another is in Italy with the Eighth Army and a third is in the Royal Air Force.

Information has been received by Mrs. Stringer, of 2 Dennetts-cottages, Canterbury-road, Birchington, that her son, Pte. Frank Francis Stringer, The Buffs, has been reported missing.

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SANDWICH
Quarter Sessions
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Town and Port and Borough of SANDWICH, the Borough of RAMSGATE, and other the Members, Liberties and places within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, will be holden at the Guildhall in the said Town and Port and Borough of Sandwich before SYDNEY GEORGE TURNER, ESQUIRE, O.B.E., K.C., Recorder, on FRIDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, whereof all Persons bound by Recognisance to appear at the said Sessions, or who have any other business there to do, are required to take Notice.
Dated this 22nd day of December, 1943.
W. R. HARRISSON, Clerk of the Peace.

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As witness our hands this 31st day of December, 1943.

JESSE HOLNESS
STANLEY A. OVENDEN.

Witness :
Estate House,
73 High-street,
Ramsgate.
31st December, 1943.

On the dissolution of my Partnership with Mr. Jesse Holness which has existed for the past 37 years, I should like to take the first opportunity to assure my numerous Clients that the same personal attention which has characterised this business in the past will continue with renewed energy.

The senior partner has retired owing to advancing age and asks me to include with my own an expression of appreciation of the confidence which so many have reposed in us: at the same time he withdraws from the partnership with the conviction that the traditions which have evolved over the period of 106 years the business has been in existence will be perpetuated by pursuing the same standards of loyalty and professional conduct which have always been responsible throughout the history of the business.

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RAILWAYS (VALUATION FOR RATING) ACT, 1930

Rating and Valuation Acts (Railway Valuation Roll) Rules, 1933

Rating Areas of the Borough of Ramsgate and the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District

Completed Part of the Third Railway Valuation Roll Relating to the Southern Railway Company

NOTICE of deposit of copy of so much of section 8* of the said Part as relates to hereditaments within the said rating areas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the rating authorities in the above-named rating areas have received from the Railway Assessment Authority constituted under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930, copies of so much of Section 8 of the above-named part of the third railway valuation roll as relate to hereditaments within the said rating areas;

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the copies have been deposited at the respective offices of the said rating authorities at the addresses given below) may be inspected, without the payment of any fee, at those addresses during the period of TWENTY-ONE DAYS from the date of the publication of this notice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays (other than Saturdays) and the hours of 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

M. OLIVER and E. T. OWEN
Clerks of the respective Rating Authorities.

Clarendon House, Margate. Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs.
28th December, 1943.

* Section 8 of the said Part contains the particulars of every railway hereditament occupied by the said Company.

NOTE.—Under Section 9 (2) (b) of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930, any person aggrieved (in addition to the bodies therein mentioned) may, at any time within six months from the 7th December, 1943 (the date on which the said Part was completed by the Railway Assessment Authority), appeal to the Railway and Canal Commissioners against that Part on the ground that the Railway Assessment Authority have incorrectly treated any hereditament as being, or as not being, a railway hereditament, or a part of a railway hereditament, or have determined incorrectly the net annual or rateable value of any railway hereditament. If, however, before deciding to do so, any such person should desire to communicate first with the Railway Assessment Authority, he should write to the Authority at their offices at 75 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London, S.W.1

FARMERS AND FARMWORKERS

A New Year message from the Minister of Agriculture

War is relentless. There can be no ease-up until the "cease fire" sounds. When that moment comes agriculture will still have its part, and a very important part, in promoting conditions favourable to a secure and lasting peace.

Let us all, therefore, prepare for this task. We have raised production to a height never before reached in Britain. Let us now raise the general level of efficiency to the same peak—efficiency in crop growing, in livestock production, and in farm management—whether that farm is 50 or 500 acres.

Then and only then shall we maintain a healthy and well-balanced agriculture, for peace may well prove as relentless as war.

R. S. Hudson

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Christmas in Prison

W.A.A.F. WHO DESERTED

A member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Betty Olive Sheppard, aged 19, spent Christmas in prison because of her habit of deserting.

She appeared before Margate magistrates on Christmas Eve charged with stealing a coat and dress, value eight guineas, the property of Sylvia Edwards.

D/C Lilliott said he saw accused detained in the guard-room of an R.A.F. station that morning and told her the coat she was wearing answered the description of one reported stolen. She said "I took it." She at first denied all knowledge of a dress, but later admitted she had exchanged it with a woman at Westgate for the dress she was wearing.

D/S Presland applied for a remand for further inquiries to be made, and said the police had no objection to bail being allowed.

A W.A.A.F. officer said the station commander objected to accused being granted bail on the ground that she was a deserter. She had caused a lot of trouble and frequently deserted.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): Can't you keep her under control?

The officer: We have no guard-room for women. She has been confined to camp but gets out.

Sheppard had nothing to say in regard to the objection to bail and admitted that she made a habit of running away.

She was remanded in custody until Wednesday.

When she appeared on remand on Wednesday Sheppard was further charged with stealing a handbag containing a purse, cigarette lighter and £2 10s., together valued at £3 4s., the property of Rose Bassett.

Theft From Billet.

She pleaded guilty to both charges and also admitted two similar offences involving a pair of black shoes and a pair of brown bootees, value £1 10s., belonging to Elizabeth Knight, and a pair of women's stockings, two handkerchiefs, jumper and knickers, valued at 17s., the property of Mabel Dale.

D/I Cory said on 23rd December accused was arrested by the R.A.F. service police for being an absentee. She was then wearing a civilian black coat, which answered the description of one reported stolen. All the stolen property belonged to members of the W.A.A.F., and was taken from their billet.

Sheppard had nothing to say to the magistrates.

D/I Cory said the girl had a mother and a step-father, who lived at Hornsey, and nothing was known to her detriment. She joined the W.A.A.F. in June, 1942, having previously been a shop assistant.

A W.A.A.F. officer said Sheppard's service record was very bad and a request was being made for her to be discharged from the service.

The Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford) said that in view of her age the magistrates had decided to give accused another chance, and would place her on probation for two years, with a condition of residence.

THE CHRISTMAS MAILS

INCREASED BUSINESS AT RAMSGATE AND BROADSTAIRS

Each Christmas of the war has shown an increase in the traffic passing through the Ramsgate and Broadstairs Post Offices. This, the fifth, is no exception.

During the period 14th to 24th December inclusive, letters and cards posted in the two towns reached a total of 243,312, which represented an increase of nearly 10 per cent. over last year's 221,900. The heaviest day was on Monday, 20th December, when 34,793 items were posted in Ramsgate and 13,311 in Broadstairs, an increase of nearly 2,000 over the corresponding day last year. The public did, therefore, respond very well indeed to the broadcast and press appeals to post as much as possible by that date, and the Head Postmaster asks us to express the appreciation of the Post Office for this co-operation.

In spite of coupons, points and other war-time restrictions, people seemed able to secure seasonal gifts in sufficient quantity to make up into parcels and packets. There was a steady flow of this class of traffic, well up to the amount handled in previous recent years, and the auxiliary parcels sorting office at St. George's Parish Hall was always busy. The registration service was still more freely used, no less than 5,600 registered parcels were recorded, as compared with 3,700 last year.

The telegraph service was heavily pressed, especially on Christmas Eve, but the suspension of the popular "greetings" telegram eased the work, and achieved its object in preventing delay to more urgent messages.

Additional temporary postmen and postwomen were engaged from the Employment Exchange, and some students, who were home on vacation, were employed in the sorting room and at the public counter. With their useful help and the excellent team work of the regular staff all difficulties were surmounted and the Christmas mails of 1943 were finally disposed of to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

AMATEURS ENTERTAIN AT RAMSGATE

It seems a pity that Ramsgate is so lacking in amateur theatricals for it certainly is not lacking in the acting talent to provide them.

This was proved on Monday and Tuesday by the presentation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Congregational Hall. Playing together for the first time, a company of 13 talented artistes did well with a piece difficult to produce and act. Their number contains the nucleus of a good amateur troupe and with experience they would be very successful on a well-equipped stage.

Great credit is due to Mr. F. J. Warden for arranging such seasonable fare in the ever-deserving cause of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Fund, and to Mr. Arthur Harman who put in some real hard work in producing the play.

Mr. Charles Castle has delighted many with his character parts in the past but his Scrooge was one of his greatest successes. The role gave him the opportunity of registering a variety of emotions. We could not help hating him as the wretched miser closing his heart to the pathetic appeals of the charity collectors, or feeling some pity for him as, haunted by the four ghosts, he saw his life unfolded in all its sordid reality.

A Fine Performance.

He was at his best, I think, falling in desperate fear before his own gravestone and screaming his realisation of a miserable unsung end. Then we saw a different Scrooge as he awoke repentant on Christmas morning. Transformed from malevolence to benevolence he pranced about the stage imbued with a new spirit and intent on rectifying all his past misdeeds. Congratulations to Charlie Castle for a fine performance.

Mr. Harman's part as Bob Cratchit didn't give him long on the stage but owing to the many scene changes this was true of all the supporting players. I should have liked a little more of Bob Cratchit for Mr. Harman, by no means new to the boards, made him a lovable character. It was really a dual part for him for he had to portray two distinct lives—Bob Cratchit as Scrooge's brow-beaten little clerk and Bob Cratchit in the bosom of his family living on a pittance and still making merry—and he did them equally well.

Some of the players were quite new to the stage, among them Miss Lilian Shoner, playing two roles—Mrs. Cratchit and the Ghost of Christmas Past. Her clear diction made a success of the latter role in which she had to produce a far-away voice. But she was more at home as Mrs Cratchit and the most pleasing scene in the play was the Christmas dinner with her carving the goose and generally fussing over the large family.

Scrooge At the Party.

That party of the Cratchits to which the Ghost of Christmas Present transports Scrooge is, of course, one of the high-spots of the story. It provided most of the humour in the adaptation but the proceedings could have been a little more boisterous. True the ghost was supposed to be presenting the scene to Scrooge as a vision but a bit of license would have been permissible. The play suffered from too little dialogue at times.

Miss Violet Shoner's Ghost of Christmas Present was a very "solid" spirit but lack of adequate lighting effects left an ethereal being to the imagination. She was gaily attired in a Victorian suit, but her other part as the black-shrouded Ghost of Christmas to Come was more convincing.

Although he put his lines over clearly Mr. Jack Jones' voice was too earthly for Jacob Marley's Ghost, but his attire, with a suggestion of transparency, was effective.

Among the smaller parts Mrs. M. E. Jones was good as Scrooge's former love cast aside for the idol of gold. She may have over acted a little but this was excusable in this Victorian melodrama.

Other Players.

Frank Prescheart, the miser's nephew, never cheerful in the face of adversity, was well played by Mr. Edward Hubbell and Mr. Harry Waters and Bernard Warden were cast as the charity collectors. Mr. Waters' lines were well said with the necessary note of appeal.

Mr. Thomas Wright looked a typical criminal—a revolting character, in fact —and if his role gave him little to say Mr. Maurice Flower characterised young Scrooge quite well.

Other parts were well filled by Mrs. H. L. (Prestedge (Mrs. Freeheart and a laundress), Miss Audrey Aird (Bob Cratchit's daughter), Bernard Warden (Cratchit's son) and Victor Warden (Tiny Tim). Supporting them were Wendy Castle as "extras" to give added life to the scenes.

The play formed the main feature of a concert which also included some enjoyable singing by the "Moments Musical" under the direction of Alex Church, with Mrs. Jones at the piano. It was a disappointment to hear that Bernard Warden was not with them as Mr. Lady Carson is broken, his place was taken by his brother Victor. Mr. L. Brockman contributed a lively trombone solo and the audience sang popular old numbers to the piano-accordeon accompaniment of Mr. W. Maxted.

The two performances of the show realised a good profit of £62 3s. 1d. and a cheque for this amount was handed to Lady Carson by the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger) at the close of the play on Tuesday. The Mayor also presented two prize-winners in connection with Christmas pudding seen in the play—to the winners of a competition.

Through the advertising of Echo, Mr. Warden and his committee wish to thank all those who contributed towards the expenses of the effort.—C. G.

ST. LUKE'S PLAY

Children and visitors were delighted with the play "The Royal Christmas Pudding" which the top form girls of St. Luke's School, Ramsgate, put on before coming up for the holidays.

Cllr. Mrs. F. L. Dunn, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Thomas, members of the Ramsgate Education Committee, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Austen, were among those who watched the show.

The play was followed by a tea made possible, through the generosity of friends in Canada, parents and others.

The rooms were gaily decorated and as the visitors walked through them all agreed that St. Luke's had captured the Christmas spirit.

YOUTH SENT FOR TRIAL

John Victor Mirams, aged 17, of Hartsdown Park, and Roy William Mulley, aged 17, of Wrotbrook-avenue, who were fined at Margate police court for painting Fascist and other signs on walls, were on Wednesday committed for trial at Margate Quarter Sessions on two charges of office-breaking.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

Major H. Kenyon Daniel, R.F.A., has been mentioned in recent despatches of Sir Douglas Haig.

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Lt. H. S. Watson, son of Mr. H. W. Watson, headmaster of St. Lawrence School, has returned from Germany.

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C/S/M Arthur E. Pilcher, of St. Lawrence, who showed exceptional courage near Comines in rallying and leading his men under fire, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

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The rebuilding and enlarging of Broadstairs Parish Church is now engaging the attention of the Rector. In the parish magazine he writes: "We cannot leave the church as it is, disproportioned and presenting so hideous a west front."

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Since 1st October, 2,162 people have returned to Ramsgate, an average of 166 a week.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

The fishing smack May, built for Mr. H. Saunders, of Ramsgate, was launched at Whitstable this week.

The operetta "The Congress of Nations" was performed by the pupils of Ramsgate Boys' Commercial School at their breaking up entertainment.

Dismasted near the North Hinder lightship during the gale on Tuesday the smack Bluebell, of Ramsgate, was being towed to port by the smack Rose when the rope parted. The Bluebell went ashore near Dumpton Gap but all the occupants were rescued by Ramsgate lifeboat.

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Bro. C. J. Elliott is the new Worshipful Master of the Royal Navy Lodge of Freemasons.

The brig Alwina, which was towed into Dover harbour during the November gales, has been bought by Mr. Grant, of Ramsgate.

Mr. A. Langford presided at the annual subscription dinner held at the Crown and Thistle Inn, St. Peter's.

CIVIC GUESTS

AT ST. LAWRENCE GIRLS' SCHOOL

The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. W. Twigger), members of Ramsgate Education Committee, school managers and parents were among those entertained by the pupils of St. Lawrence Girls' School, Ramsgate, before the Christmas holidays.

The programme was divided into two parts. The first half was designed to provide examples of the work done by the children during the year and all were impressed by its excellence.

Beginning with the youngest children each class provided a recitation, a song, country dancing and percussion music.

In the performance of a Nativity play the children displayed a quiet restraint in the presentation of the Christmas message.

They were thanked for their enjoyable performance by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill), who also referred to the interest shown by the parents.

KILLED IN ACTION

L/Cpl. Edmund H. Crisp

who, as reported in our last issue, has been killed in action while serving in Italy. His wife and eight-year-old son live at 18 St. Andrew's-road, Ramsgate.

FLAGS FOR DISTRESS

The Mayor of Ramsgate's Distress Fund benefited to the extent of £60 0s. 3d. as a result of the flag day collection.

The individual collections were:

Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, £18 8s. 3d.; Sect.-Ofd. Holloway (Manston), £4 5s. 7d.; Royal Navy, £1 10s. 1½d.; Mrs. Setterfield, 12s. 9½d.; Mr. Miller, £1 9s. 2d.; Mrs. Smith, £1 5s. 3½d.; Miss Tappenden, 14s. 3d.; Mrs. Hall, £3 15s. 9d.; Mrs. Sparkes, 12s. 8d.; John Sparkes, 12s. 6d.; the Mayoress, £1 12s. 2½d.; Mr. Robert Lynch, £1 6s. 4d.; Mrs. Richards, £2; Mrs. Love, 5s. 6d.; Mr. Hopkins, £1 8s. 3d.; Mrs. Patterson, £3 3s. 3d.;

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Tuesday.—A and C Coys. and Broadstairs Flts. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

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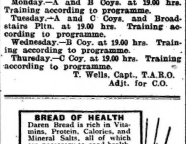

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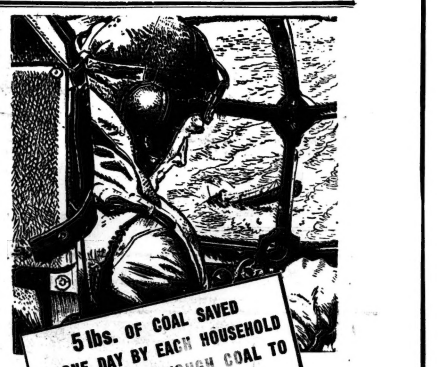

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In a letter to the Mayor of Ramsgate the Mayor of Guildford wrote:

"This is to bring to you and to your borough the kindly wishes of myself and the people of Guildford.

"You and your citizens have been very sorely tried—and perhaps at no time more than at present—and we hope and pray that the coming year may bring an end to the worst of your miseries."

Alderman Twigger replied:

"I much appreciate the kind wishes which you extend to me and the people of this town from the borough of Guildford. Your message arriving at this season of the year, as we stand upon the threshold of 1944 is a great encouragement to fortitude for trials that may lie ahead.

"Guildford's tangible help to Ramsgate is still remembered with gratitude, and your message at this particular time bears further evidence of the ties which the stress of war has formed between the two towns.

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NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Saw the Stars A souvenir programme of an E.N.S.A. concert bearing the signatures of Kay Francis, Carole Landis and Martha Raye has been sent by Cpl. George Fox, R.A.F., to his wife, who lives at 28 Townley-street, Ramsgate.

Now in Italy, Cpl. Fox, who is a cook, reports that he has met several Ramsgate fellows in his travels. As far as his wife knows he has not had a long leave since going abroad about a year ago. He is in good spirits, though, although he reports a total absence of beer. Little tea is available where he is and the usual drink is coffee.

Cpl. Fox joined the Royal Air Force three years ago after being employed by Messrs. H. Wood and Co., the butchers. An old boy of Eglington School, he will be 30 next month and has one son, Roy.

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No Place Like Home The opinion that "there is no place like England"—with which the majority of our men abroad no doubt agree—is given in a letter to his wife by Ldg.-Acm. Bert Bassant, R.A.F., a Ramsgate man in the Middle East.

Bert, aged 33, went abroad about three years ago and saw service in the Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia, afterwards returning to the Middle East. A cook, he was, until recently, attached to the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wherever he is, beer is at the prohibitive price of 2s. a pint and when the Italians surrendered he and three comrades celebrated with a bottle of lemonade.

Ldg.-Acm. Bassant was educated at St. George's Central School and on leaving he was employed at the Granville Hotel. He afterwards became second chef at the Royal Hotel and then at Messrs. Harrison's Restaurant.

His wife and little daughter Maureen live at 3 Royal-road.

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The Cads Abroad Well-known in Ramsgate as a fishmonger, Dvr. Joe Wright, R.A.S.C., has been with the British North African Force for the past nine months, going out towards the end of the campaign in those parts.

Letters received by his wife and six-year-old daughter Pauline, at San Jose, Vale-square, Ramsgate, tell them that the stars he has enjoyed hearing in the E.N.S.A. entertainments include the Western Brothers.

Joe, now 30, sends greetings to all Ramsgate friends, including the chums of his days at Lillian-road School.

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Long Service Conductor W. R. Skinner, Indian Army Corps of Clerks, whose wife recently returned to England and is living in Margate with their two children, is now with an Indian infantry brigade in the Middle East.

Joe, now 30, sends greetings to all Ramsgate friends, including the chums of his days at Lillian-road School.

Joining The Buffs in 1928, Cdr. Skinner went to Burma a year later and transferred to the Indian Army. Spending five years there he gained the Burma Silver Medal 1930-32 for service in the Burmese Rebellion. He was last home in 1938, when he married, and his wife went back to India with him.

Recently he was visited in his tent by his brother George, serving with the R.A.F. Regiment, whom he had not seen for five years. The next morning Cdr. Skinner had to move off to another station.

Christmas Thoughts Although written several weeks before the festive season, a letter which Mrs. F. Miller, of 12 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, has received from her son, Sgt. Frederick L. Miller, R.A.F., echoes the sentiments felt by men serving abroad at Christmas-time.

Sgt. Miller, who is in India, writes: "A short while ago I was in the sergeants' mess having a few moments relaxation, partly by reading and partly listening to gramophone records played on the radio. There was the usual atmosphere of chatter and general 'back-chat,' some paying no attention to the music at all.

"Then, suddenly, I heard a familiar voice, one of my favourites—Paul Robeson. He was singing 'Holy Night' as no one else can sing it. An amazing change took place and gradually an extreme quiet descended on the mess. Then a few began to join in until everyone was singing. A young Canadian pilot sitting next to me began to sing in harmony. I did not know until then that he had a good tenor voice. While this was going on I do not suppose mine were the only thoughts that drifted back home. I recalled a Christmas Day at home in peace-time when, after dinner, we heard the King's speech and then we heard different parts of the Empire celebrating. At one place a choir was singing this same song.

"With memories such as these we do not feel nearly so far from home and although this Christmas will be another spent away from you, we all look forward to happier days when we shall enjoy all the good things we are now missing. They are all worth waiting for and time seems to go much quicker when hopes are bright. Every day the news cheers us and each one that passes is thrust behind us to make room for the next, which will be nearer the Day of Victory. So keep smiling and have 'one on me' this Christmas."

Sgt. Miller is an old Chatham House boy and before entering the R.A.F. was employed at Messrs. Arter's Garage. He married two years ago and went overseas a month later. His wife is employed in a munition factory.

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Footballer With M.E.F. Ramsgate football fans will be interested to hear news of John Crawford who, in peace-time, played for the Grenville, Ramsgate Reserves, St. Luke's and the Technical Institute.

Now a sergeant in the Royal Artillery, he is in the Middle East after spending two hectic years in Malta. During one period while the island was being heavily raided Mrs. Crawford did not hear from her husband for 18 weeks and while on the island he was in hospital for a short time.

John came from Scotland to Ramsgate at the age of 15 and two years later joined the Regular Army, being placed on the reserve at the end of his service. He was employed on the excavation of Ramsgate's air raid tunnel until the outbreak of war and was then recalled as a reserve. Sgt. Crawford went overseas as an instructor.

Mrs. Crawford and her daughter Pamela are at present living with a friend at 4 Vale-square, Ramsgate.

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Captured Again The Christmas Eve post brought the glad news that Pte. Clifford George, of Ramsgate, of whom nothing had been heard for many weeks, is safe and well, although a prisoner in Germany.

Pte. George, a son of the late Mrs. A. George, of 153 Margate-road, was captured in Libya on 15th December, 1941, on which day The Buffs, his regiment, added another page to their glorious history. He was taken to Italy and the last letter that he wrote from that country was at the beginning of August.

In a letter from Germany, dated 22nd November, which has now arrived, he states that he was recaptured three weeks previously. It is probable, therefore, that he was free in Italy for several weeks, since that country surrendered during September. "Unfortunately I lost all my kit," he writes, asking his brothers, Edward and Christopher, to send fresh supplies through the Red Cross.

Pte. George, who designed many greetings cards for The Buffs while on active service, sends New Year wishes to all his friends, particularly those on the staff of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., by whom he was employed for 15 years before joining the Army in 1940.

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Oriental Tour Mrs. Moody, of 20 Vale-square, Ramsgate, has received from her husband, Dvr. Albert Moody, R.A.S.C., an album of interesting snaps depicting some of the places he has visited since sailing overseas nearly three years ago.

Albert, formerly a driver and conductor for the East Kent Road Car Co., and now an ambulance driver, was called up on the reserve just before war broke out and after fighting in France came back from St. Nazaire. He went abroad again, served in Iraq and Palestine, and was near Tobruk when the Germans captured the town.

While in Iraq he had the good fortune to meet his brother Alfred, of Gillingham, a member of The Buffs. They had not seen each other for three years and by a coincidence shortly afterwards were in the same hospital together for a few days. Dvr. Moody has also met his wife's brother, Sqdn.-Ldr. Ben Fellows, R.A.F., of Yorkshire.

Albert is 35 and an old boy of Christ Church School. He has a five-year-old daughter, Valerie.

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Couple Promoted Ldg.-Writer H. S. Waldby, R.N., of Margate, and his wife, who is in the W.R.N.S., have both received promotion at the same time. Overseas for 18 months and now in South Africa, he has been granted a commission and his wife is now a petty officer. Both have been in the service over three years.

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Odds' Greetings A greetings airgraph depicting a British Tommy in the desert listening to "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" has been received by members of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club from Spr. George Kemp, serving with the Royal Engineers in India. George is a former Noble Grand of the Isle of Thanet Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F.

Other greetings received by the club include those from Sgt. Air-Gnr. Jim Farley, R.A.F., and Bdr. Jazel Marks, R.A.

Several members on leave, Bert Port among them, were welcomed by their club colleagues during the holiday.

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News of St. Georgian Ldg.-Acm. Ben Colgate, R.A.F., well-known among Old St. Georgians, writes regularly to his friend, Mr. Mickie Markins, a member of the office staff of the Ramsgate Corporation Gas and Water Department.

Ben is now at the tele-communications headquarters in the Middle East and has been abroad since 1941. He is a son of Mr. Ben Colgate, formerly of the King-street Post Office, who is now living at Tunbridge Wells.

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8 tins sardines -	48 pts.	1 lb. prunes -	6 pts.
2 one-lb. tins syrup	16 „	1 lb. rice -	4 „
2 lb. oats -	4 „	1 lb. lentils -	2 „
			80 pts.

"You can see that I'm budgeting for a lot of sardines. That's because the oil is a valuable addition to our fats ration. Porridge makes a satisfying breakfast for my son. Syrup helps out the sugar; I use rice and prunes for puddings and keep lentils handy to go into stews and soups.

"But there's another important item which I haven't yet mentioned because it's unrationed. I mean Rowntree's Cocoa. It makes a meal so much more satisfying and is so easily digested." Mrs. G. L. is quite right. So many meal-time drinks contain NO nourishment at all. But Rowntree's Cocoa contains protein (body-building food); fat; carbohydrate, which gives energy (in the way sugar does); and iron for the blood. Give your family Rowntree's Cocoa with their meals. Grocers everywhere have it.

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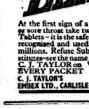

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At the Cinemas

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

BRIAN AHERNE AT ODEON

The programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, next week, include Walt Disney's much talked of "Victory Through Air Power," showing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The famous film artist's latest creation tells the story of the aeroplane and its power with simplicity and realism through the dual mediums of animation and live action. The screen version of Major Alexander P. de Seversky's sensational best-seller advocates that their full advantages became apparent. Tully's system was discussed at the Court. It was explained to George II, and the practical Queen Caroline subscribed to the publication of "Horse-Hoeing Husbandry."

Starring beside fachionable: Sir Robert Walpole, it is said, opened his farm steward's letters before breaking the seals of State correspondence; Bolingbroke, propped between two haycocks, read Swift's letters, lifting his eyes to heaven—not in admiration of Swift but fearing rain! For the light sands of Norfolk, Townshend's turnips possessed a special value. ★ ★ A full bulldog-yard and a full blade a full granary." Farming in a circle, like arguing, proved productive.

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SPECTACLE AND SUSPENSE

SILVER SKATES AT PICTURE HOUSE

Three widely varying dramas and a spectacular ice-skating film form the programme at Ramsgate Picture House next week.

"Steel against the Sky," showing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, is an exciting story about men who risk their lives building great suspension bridges. The picture stars Edith Smith, the blonde-bombshell of "Dive Bomber," Lloyd Nolan, and Craig Stevens, with Gene Lockhart and Edward Ellis in supporting parts. Barry K. Barnes and Greta Gynt are starred in the other film, "Call Out Danger," a thrilling tale about investigations into the theft of a valuable gem.

"Silver Skates," the attraction for the latter half of the week, is a glittering spectacle on ice. Its grand-looking star is Belita, exhibiting a high quality of skill, and featured with her are Kenny Baker, hotel-radio and screen singer, and the raven-haired beauty Patricia Morison. These three form the romantic triangle in a story from which eventually finds Baker engaged to both girls. Lovely Rochelle Hudson appears as a leggett in a "Queen of Broadway," which is also being shown. A hardboiled character, she and Buster Crabbe of Tarzan fame get together through the influence of a little orphan, Donald Mayo.

THE MORE THE MERRIER

GENTLEMAN JIM AT KING'S

Happy comedy and stark drama are well combined in the presentations at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, for the first four days of next week.

Three great stars, Jean Arthur, Joel McCrea and Charles Coburn, appear in "The More the Merrier," Columbia's newest comedy hit. The story is concerned with a timely subject—life in war-time Washington—and the script is absolutely packed with laughs. Jean Arthur plays a cute little secretary who sub-lets one room in her apartment to Coburn. After a day or so he realises his landlady is not in love with her fiance and plans to get her a new boy friend. Dramatic contrast is seen in "Murder in Times Square," the supporting film, starring Edmund Lowe, Marguerite Chapman and John Litel.

With the colourful gay nineties as its background "Gentleman Jim" heads the bill on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The film, featuring Errol Flynn in the title part, shows the San Francisco of 1880, where society met the lower classes at the illegal fighting matches held in the streets. A famous star of these bouts was James J. Corbett, who earned the name of "Gentleman Jim." Alexis Smith, who made a swift rise to stardom, has the leading feminine role.

THE ROYAL EXAMPLE

"Agriculture is the pursuit of kings," we are told. Certainly British farming owes much to Royal patronage and example. Down to the middle of George III's reign, the ancient three-field system of corn, corn and bare fallow was still in general use. It was not until large landlords like Lord Townshend and Coke of Norfolk put Tull's principles into practice that their full advantages became apparent. Tull's system was discussed at the Court. It was explained to George II, and the practical Queen Caroline subscribed to the publication of "Horse-Hoeing Husbandry."

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DIED OF WOUNDS

We regret to state that intimation has now been received that Lt. Glynne Parsons, an old boy of Chatham House School, has died as a result of wounds received in the Italian operations.

Lt. Parsons' parents live at Bryn Edwin, Corris, Machynlleth, North Wales.

At Ramsgate he lived with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parsons, of 35 Queen's Road. He gained his scholarship to Chatham House to King's College, London, to study law. A brilliant scholar, he gained his Inter LL.B. before being called up for service in January, 1942. He joined the Royal Corps of Signals and was afterwards attached to an infantry regiment.

Twenty-one years old, he was captain of Simmonds' House and a school prefect while at Chatham House.

Longevity.—The average age of 11 people buried at St. Peter's during the four weeks to 16th December was nearly 75. Their ages totalled 823.

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

1944

WE stand on the threshold of a New Year which promises great things. Everywhere there is a sense of expectancy. Great forces have been built up for the attack on Hitler's fortress in Europe, the leaders have been appointed, and it seems likely that before many months are past they will give the word "Go." We have been warned that the fight ahead will be hard and bloody but the spirit of the troops is high, backed by the best weapons science can provide, the best leaders drawn from the United Nations, and secure in the knowledge that behind them is the determination of all freedom-loving people to support to the full their efforts in the field and their rehabilitation when they return. There are solid grounds for the confidence which we now feel. Whether or not the year will see the end of the war is a matter of pure speculation but we can be certain that it will carry us at an ever-increasing pace along the road that leads to victory. It is interesting to compare our position now with January, 1941. Then we had only hope and determination with which to arm ourselves. Now we have great Allies, an ever-mounting arsenal, armies equipped and ready to take the field and resounding victories to mark the passage from dire peril to assurance of ultimate success.

NEW YEAR'S PROSPECTS

At midnight, when it's closing time
And Old Year's due to disappear
We usher in with bells that chime
The "Victory-in-sight" New Year!
It should not hurt once in a while
To sacrifice a little sleep,
For next "year" and when rank and file
Of all the Allied Armies "leap"!

From spells of disillusionment
That hold humanity entwined,
A brighter dawn now imminent
Breaks in upon the wearied mind.
Fetters of doubt fallen away,
They are but few who'll not unite
In striving on toward the day
We leave the darkness for the light!

W.R.T.

OUR BATTLES

WHILE great battles are being waged from east, from south and from west, to use the Prime Minister's words, a great battle will be continued in this country. It will be a continuation of the battle to ensure for every man and woman freedom from want, social security and freedom of government. The last is by no means the least important and it is somewhat ironical that it should be necessary to lay some emphasis on it. The third of the common principles laid down in the Atlantic Charter states "They (Great Britain and the United States) respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live, and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them." Obviously these words were meant to apply to nations now under the Nazi yoke but to a lesser degree they might also apply to us in this island. We have voluntarily surrendered many of our rights during the past few years and we shall have to battle unceasingly to secure their return when hostilities cease. Unhappily advantage has been taken of the war to deprive local authorities of the powers and functions which they formerly performed and no longer can it be said that we are free to choose the form of government we desire. The fault, it is true, lies largely on our own shoulders, silence being interpreted before breaking the seals of State correspondence; Bolingbroke, propped between two haycocks, read Swift's letters, lifting his eyes to heaven—not in admiration of Swift but fearing rain! For the light sands of Norfolk, Townshend's turnips possessed a special value. ★ ★ A full bulldog-yard and a full blade a full granary." Farming in a circle, like arguing, proved productive.

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The Royal Agricultural Society owed much of its prestige and utility to Queen Victoria, patron from 1840 to 1901.

Windsor, Sandringham and Balmoral set examples to many agriculturists. They not only helped to raise the standard of British farming, but also made a county industry a fashionable yet earnest pursuit. Lord Ernle has said that a detailed history of the Windsor farms would epitomise the history of agricultural progress in the 19th century. Roads were laid out. Liebig's discovery that warmth versus food was acted upon; substantial buildings were erected to economise the expense and labour of cattle-feeding and, in the same time, to preserve manure from waste or impoverishment. Skilfully selected herds of pure-bred Shorthorns, Herefords and Devons were formed; the soil was scientifically drained, the arable land, mostly stiff clay, was ameliorated and enriched by good farming; the latest inventions in implements and machinery were tested and adopted; the grasslands were improved by judicious and careful management; a model dairy, designed to meet the exacting requirements of modern sanitation and convenience, was erected; and to supply milk, a pure-bred Jersey herd was formed, which soon became celebrated.

His Majesty King George VI is well maintaining the Royal tradition. On the King's farms to-day he can find online demonstration of the best practices of the best agriculturists directed to the common aim of maximum food production in the common interest. An account of the Royal farms is published in the January issue of "Agriculture," the journal of the Ministry of Agriculture.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Through a kind gesture by members of a military unit 60 Ramsgate schoolchildren were able to enjoy a grand Christmas party on Sunday.

The children were taken to the unit's site by transport and accompanied home by soldiers and others. In the hours or so they were there they disposed of a bumper tea and played many games with their hosts, who had given up their week rations for the benefit of the kiddies.

DEATH OF MAJOR C. A. CLARKE, M.C.

Major Cecil Alexander Clarke, M.C., Royal Engineers, retired, of Whitehall, estate agent, died recently in a military hospital. He was 53 years of age.

Major Clarke was a member of the firm of Messrs. Clarke and Crittenden, Northdown-road, Margate, for several years before the war. He was secretary for the Emergency Reserve of Officers, having held a commission in the last war, and was called up in 1940. He served in France and was evacuated from St. Nazaire. Since then he had served with the Home Forces.

Christmas Services.—The Christmas services at Minster Parish Church were conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. W. Macmichael). Other services were held at Stonelees, the residence of Miss Chapman, and at Minster Laundry, and these were conducted by Mr. F. P. Hind, a lay reader. A carol service was included in the celebrations at Minster Salvation Army Hall, and the Rev. Father T. A. Kenyon officiated at the services in the Roman Catholic Church.

Christmas Weddings

RETURNED FROM ABROAD

COURT—PETLEY

Recently returned from the Mediterranean regions, where he has been serving for the past three years, Gnr. Mark Court, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Court, of 1 Leonards-avenue, Ramsgate, was married at St. George's Church on Monday to Miss Ivy Violet Petley, of 136 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

Gnr. Court, an old boy of St. Augustine's School, was employed by Mr. Clifford Longley, the rose grower, of Broadstairs, in peacetime, and he joined the Royal Artillery three and a half years ago. Six months later he went abroad and fought in Greece and Crete, returning to Egypt by way of Syria. He moved up with the 8th Army and was among the troops inspected at Tripoli by Mr. Churchill.

The bride, who is employed in munitions work, was given away by her uncle, Mr. G. Elsom, and the best man was the bridegroom's elder brother, Mr. Robert Court.

The service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett) was followed by a reception at 136 Margate-road. Gnr. Court and his bride later left for a honeymoon in Birmingham.

BEAUTY QUEEN AND AIRMAN

LUPTON—TODD

The meeting while on service of a former Ramsgate beauty queen and a Liverpool airman had a happy sequel when the couple were married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Christmas Eve.

The wedding was between Cpl. Henry Everet Lupton, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lupton, of Liverpool, and Miss Ethel Gertrude Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Todd, of 44 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate.

Chosen as Ramsgate's carnival queen by Miss Florence Desmond in 1936, the bride gained a similar honour in 1938 when the competition was judged by Miss Valerie Hobson.

Ethel, who is a granddaughter of the late Mr. John Todd, famous as the "donkey king," was dressed in a long gown of white silk taffeta in Elizabethan style, embroided veil and halo of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of red carnations.

She had five attendants. The two adult bridesmaids, Miss Ivy May Todd (sister of the bride) and Miss Trixie Brooks, were attired in peach satin dresses with full yet skirts and their shower bouquets were of white chrysanthemums.

The little attendants, Patricia Todd (bride's niece) and Dorothy Todd (bride's cousin) were also dressed in peach satin and carried posies of artificial flowers. Norman Todd, bride's nephew, was the page boy.

The bride was given away by her father and Mr. George Foster was best man.

Mr. A. O. French was the organist and the hymns sung were "Love Divine" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us."

Conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett) the service was followed by a reception at 68 High-street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Brooks.

When the newlyweds left for their honeymoon in London the bride travelled in a green afternoon frock with wine coloured coat and accessories.

Nearly a year ago the bride, an old St. George's girl, joined the W.R.N.S. and was while serving in the Midlands that she met her husband, who joined the R.A.F. in peacetime.

The bridegroom's brother, Spr. Bert Todd, R.E., is serving in Italy.

HOWELLS—SAYER

SUBMARINE HERO AS BEST MAN

His medallist brother recently returned from submarine operations in the Mediterranean was best man when Ldg. Acrm. William Richard Alfred Howells, R.A.F., eldest son of the late Mr. Brynley Howells, of the Bluffs, and Mrs. Howells, of Bryn Hyfryd, Romanroad, Northwood, was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate.

Ldg. Acrm. Howells' bride was Miss Selena Mary Sayer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sayer, of 176 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

The best man, Ldg. Stkr. Cecil Howells, R.N., returned to this country a few weeks ago after thrilling exploits in the submarine Unruffled. His gallantry and devotion to duty in the actions undertaken won for him the Distinguished Service Medal.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress of white taffeta with orange blossom coronet, veil and silver shoes, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

She had four attendants—Mrs. L. Cronch (matron of honour, cousin of the bride), Miss Audrey Hughes (bride's cousin), Miss Beryl Howells (bridegroom's sister), and Miss Gladys Adams. They were all attired in mauve taffeta with silver headdresses and silver shoes and their bouquets were of white and pink chrysanthemums. Each was presented with a brooch by the bridegroom.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett) and was followed by a reception, attended by seventy guests, at the K Laundry.

METHODISTS UNITED

HEMSLEY—CULVER

Both active workers at the Hardres-street Methodist Church, Ramsgate, before joining the forces, Gnr. Kenneth Raymond Hemsley, R.A., and Ldg. Aowm. Gladys Ethel Culver, W.A.A.F., were married at St. Lawrence Methodist Church on Christmas Eve.

The bridegroom is a son of Inspector F. Hemsley, N.S.P.C.C., and Mrs. Hemsley, formerly of Ramsgate. Inspector Hemsley is now carrying out duties in the Shoreham district.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. S. Culver, of Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate.

Given away by her mother, she was attired in a dress of white figured satin in Tudor style. She carried a bouquet of red carnations and fern.

The bridesmaids were Pte. Gwendoline Culver, A.T.S., and Ldg. Aowmn. Stella Hemsley, W.A.A.F., (sisters of the bride and bridegroom respectively). Gwendoline wore a pink crepe dress with head-dress to match and Stella a mauve crepe dress with gold headdress. Each carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

The Superintendent Minister (the Rev. D. L. Williams) officiated at the service and the best man was Mr. Basil K. Hemsley (brother of the bridegroom), well-known locally as a probation officer.

Chrysanthemums and pyracantha made a beautiful display in the church.

The organ was played by Mrs. Hunt and the congregation sang the hymns "O God of Love, to Thee we bow" and "O Perfect Love."

The service was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's mother and Mr. and Mrs. Hemsley later left for their honeymoon at Shoreham-on-Sea. For her travelling attire the bride wore a floral silk dress, grey coat and navy accessories.

THOMAS—SHRUBSOLE

RAILWAYMAN WEDS

A fireman on the Southern Railway, Mr. Frederick George Drayson Thomas, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Thomas, of 2 Jessamine-villas, Percy-road, Ramsgate, was married at St. George's Church, on Monday, to Miss Peggy Rose Shrubsole, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. F. Shrubsole, of the same address and formerly of Gillingham.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett), and the bride, given away by her father, was attired in a dress of white satin with veil and coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The two attendants, Mrs. Joan Gair (cousin of the bridegroom) and Miss Joyce Hurley, wore floral dresses of mauve taffeta with floral wreaths as headdresses. Like the bride, they carried chrysanthemums.

Mr. Bernard Mackay, another railway fireman, was best man at the service, which was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

When the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Whitstable the bride wore a black tailored costume.

The bridegroom, an old boy of Ellington School, has been employed on the railway for the past seven years. His bride, a hairdresser by trade, is at present working in an aircraft factory.

TIGEHURST—MILLER

HOME GUARD SERGEANT'S BRIDE

A sergeant in the Home Guard, Mr. Victor Rex Tiechurst, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Tiechurst, of 12 Pembroke-road, Ramsgate, was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Monday, to Miss Eva Edith Miller, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Miller, of 1 School-lane, Ramsgate.

Mr. Tiechurst, a partner with his father in a furnishing business, joined the Home Guard in 1940. He is an old boy of Christ Church School and a member of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club.

The bride, educated at Ellington School, was formerly employed by Messrs. Mockridge and Son, of High-street.

Given away by her father, who met with an accident some time ago, was unable to attend the ceremony, she the bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Miller, and wore a white taffeta dress in Victorian style and also wore a white halo headdress and silver shoes. Her bouquet was of white and yellow chrysanthemums.

The two-and-a-half-year-old Pat Tiechurst (bridegroom's niece) and Linda Hawkes (bride's niece) who were the two bridesmaids, wore pink and blue taffeta respectively and carried posies of chrysanthemums. Mr. Ronald Hawkes, a Gerrard Fitzgerald, wore a white satin suit.

The Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett) officiated and the best man was Mac. Arthur Fitzgerald, Royal Marines.

A merry peal rang out as the bridal party left the church for a reception at the Woodman Inn.

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BIRTHS

Horton.—18th December, at St. Anthony's, Quex View-road, Birchington, the wife of Thomas Horton, Bombardier, of a daughter.

Young.—29th December, in Toronto, to Ruth (née Elliott) and Leslie Young, a son (Anthony Elliott).

MARRIAGES

Allen—Rees. 20th December, at All Saints' Church, Westbrook, Margate, Kenneth Mark Allen, of Margate, to Gytian Margaret Rees, of London, and late of Margate.

Court—Petley.—23rd December, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. G. Bennett, Gnr. Mark Court, R.A., to Ivy Violet Petley, both of Ramsgate.

Hemsley—Culver.—23rd December, at St. Lawrence Methodist Church, by the Rev. D. L. Williams, Gnr. Kenneth Raymond, younger son of Inspr. and Mrs. F. Hemsley, of Shoreham, Sussex, to Gladys Ethel, elder daughter of Mrs. E. Culver, both of Ramsgate.

Lupton—Todd.—23rd December, at St. Peter's Church, by the Rev. C. H. Bailey, Sgt. Alfred Thos. Jones, R.A.M.C., of Leighton Buzzard, to Margaret Evelyn Gurr, of Broadstairs.

Lupton—Todd.—23rd December, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. George Bennett, Cpl. Henry Everet Lupton, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lupton, of Liverpool, to Ethel Gertrude Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Todd, of 44 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate.

March—Hogben.—28th December, at St. Nicholas Church, Arthur William Thomas March to Winifred Enid Edna Hogben, both of St. Nicholas.

Mosby—Holdstock.—28th December, at St. John's Church, Margate, Frederick Mosby, of Cliftonville, to Kathleen Mary Holdstock, of Margate.

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Townsend—Hogbin.—29th December, at St. John's Church, Margate, Cpl. Herbert Townsend, R.A.F., of Chelmsford, to Eileen Angela Hogbin, of Margate.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Carr—Phillips.—28th December, 1893, at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Chelmsford, Essex, Samuel Carr to Lavinia Annie Phillips.

DEATHS

Brockwell.—20th December, at Margate General Hospital, Mildred Brockwell, late of Little Chart, Broadstairs.

Freeman.—19th December, at the Lodge, Metropolitan Home, Lambhorne-road, Broadstairs, Alfred Freeman.

Harlow.—22nd December, at Minster, Edward Harlow, aged 9 years.

Weller.—19th December, at 105 Westbrook-avenue, Margate, Frederick William Weller, aged 79 years.

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